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EUROPE

1. GERMANY: Estimated strength of Soviet Zone police--US  
Ambassador Murphy reports that reliable information has caused him to revise downward his previous estimates of the strength of the Soviet Zone police and to place its strength in the neighborhood of 80,000 men. Murphy indicates that Soviet authorities are encountering increasing difficulty in building up this police force and transmits the views of various German informants that bloody civil disorders might result if the USSR were to withdraw the Soviet troops and attempt to use the German police for the enforcement of Soviet policies.

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(CIA Comment: CIA concurs in Ambassador Murphy's estimate of German police strength in the Soviet Zone and believes that effective enforcement of Soviet policies would be impossible in the absence of Soviet military and administrative personnel. CIA considers that the recent reports exaggerating the strength of these police have stemmed from: (a) Soviet propaganda efforts to terrorize the Germans and intimidate the western powers; and (b) misrepresentation by German informants who hope thereby to inspire counteraction from the western powers.)

2. POLAND: Estimates of Soviet occupation forces reduced--  
The US Military Attache in Warsaw reports that [redacted]

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[redacted] estimate that the June and July withdrawals of Soviet troops and materiel from Silesia and Pomerania were larger than originally judged and that Soviet troops have been replaced with Polish units. [redacted]

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[redacted] there are no immediate plans to return Soviet forces to those areas and that there will be no change in the military situation in western Poland in the near future.

(CIA Comment: Because there were no significant increases in Soviet forces in eastern Germany during June and July, CIA is convinced that the units withdrawn from western Poland were returned to the USSR.)

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3. **GREECE:** Prime Minister reportedly intending to resign -- US Ambassador Grady has been informed that Prime Minister Sophoulis intends to submit his resignation on 5 November. Grady expects that following this resignation the King will ask the present Cabinet to remain in office until a new government is formed; that Foreign Minister Tsaldaris will be asked to form a government but will fail because of inadequate Populist strength; and that an effort will then be made to form a new coalition under Sophoulis.

#### THE AMERICAS

4. **ARGENTINA:** Joint action against Communism proposed -- US Ambassador Bruce reports that President Peron has personally recommended that a secret conference of American nations be held immediately for the purpose of deciding upon a concerted plan to stamp out the Communist movement in the Americas. Peron reportedly considers this movement to be strengthening more rapidly than is generally known.

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(CIA Comment: The timing of this proposal reflects the current Argentine estimate that the US plans to take more decisive action against the USSR. Peron's proposal at this time represents a bid for renewed understanding with the US in order to resolve outstanding differences between the two countries, obtain aid in Argentina's dollar crisis, and expand Argentine military and industrial procurement in the US. CIA does not believe that the Communist movement is gaining strength in Latin America.)

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